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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION, Adv. Pro. No. 08-1789 (SMB) Plaintiff-Applicant, SIPA LIQUIDATION (Substantively Consolidated) v. BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC, Defendant. In re: BERNARD L. MADOFF, Debtor. IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, Adv. Pro. No. 10-04328 (SMB)

DAVID SHAPIRO NOMINEE 1 and DAVID SHAPIRO, individually and as president and nominee of David Shapiro Nominee 1,

v.

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

## DECLARATION OF HELEN DAVIS CHAITMAN IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

- I, Helen Davis Chaitman, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, as follows:
- 1. I am a partner with Chaitman LLP, counsel of record to Defendants David Shapiro Nominee 1 and David Shapiro, individually and as president and nominee of David Shapiro Nominee 1 (the "Defendants"). I submit this declaration in support of an application for an Order pursuant to Rule 2090-1(e) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court: (1) authorizing Chaitman LLP to withdraw as counsel to the Defendants; and (2) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Unless otherwise stated, the foregoing is based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. The Trustee commenced this adversary proceeding against the Defendants on November 26, 2010 (the "Adversary Proceeding").
  - 3. Thereafter, the Defendants retained Becker & Poliakoff LLP to represent them.
- 4. On behalf of the Defendants, while at Becker & Poliakoff, LLP, I filed a Notice of Appearance and Request for Service of Papers on March 11, 2011 (ECF Doc. No. 6).
- 5. On behalf of the Defendants as a partner of Chaitman LLP, I filed a Notice of Appearance and Request for Service of Papers on October 21, 2015 (ECF Doc. No. 45).
  - 6. David Shapiro is deceased.
  - 7. No probate proceeding has been filed.
- 8. I have not been retained by any representative of Shapiro and have no one with whom I can communicate on behalf of the client. Thus, it is impossible for me to continue to represent the Defendants.

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9. The Trustee is aware that I have no authority to represent the Defendants. He is

proceeding with discovery of Shapiro's bank accounts, with notice to Shapiro's daughter, but I

have no contact with Shapiro's daughter. Accordingly, cause exists to grant the application

authorizing Chaitman LLP to withdraw as counsel for the Defendants.

Dated: June 19, 2018

New York, New York

/s/ Helen Davis Chaitman

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